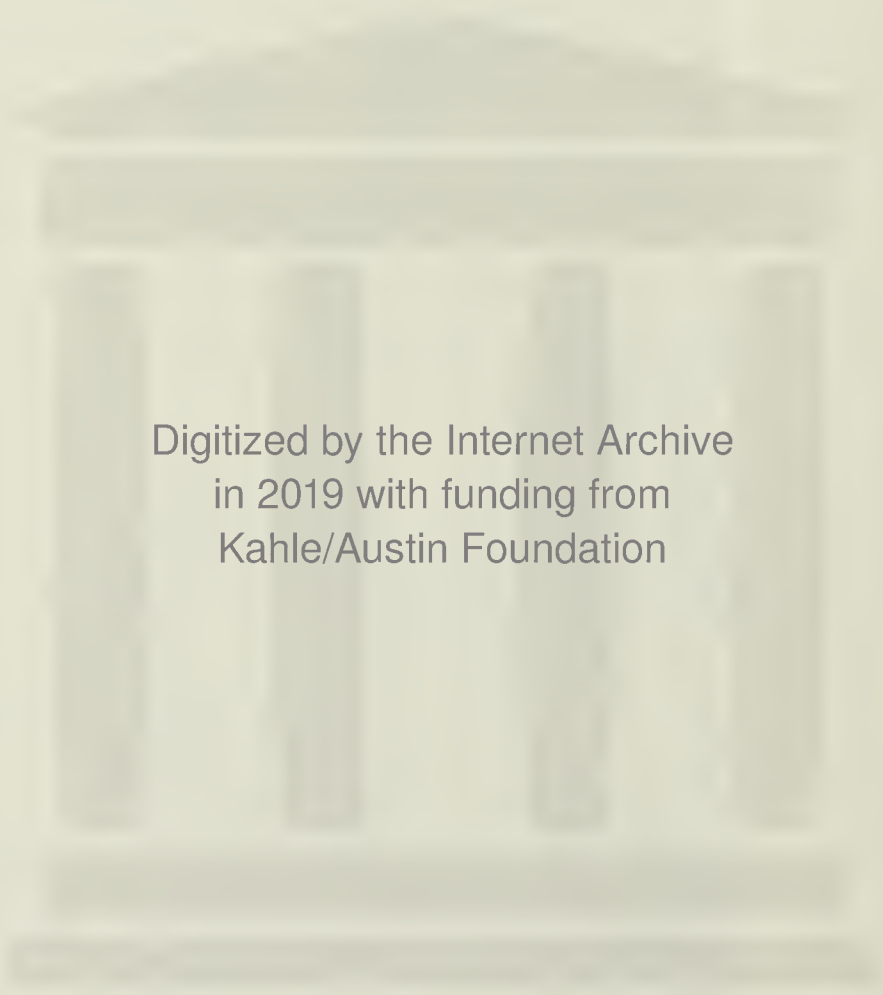


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IS IMPULSIVE; BUT I DO BELIEVE
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HIS BOLD ATTEMPT TO SERVE
OR SAVE HIS FELLOWS,
HE AND THOSE DEPENDENT
UPON HIM SHOULD
NOT SUFFER PECUNIARILY.*

ANDREW CARNEGIE

CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Established April 15, 1904, by Andrew Carnegie, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada.

Recognition in all acts considered worthy by the Commission consists of a medal. It may also include, in acts in which disabling injuries are sustained by the rescuer, a supplemental continuing grant; in acts in which the rescuer loses his or her life, financial assistance for the surviving dependents; and in acts in which no disablement is sustained, grants for education or other worthy purposes in the lives of the rescuers.

Recommendations for awards may be made by an individual having knowledge of such outstanding acts of bravery, and should be sent directly to the Commission. Awards are open to all citizens and visitors of the two countries under regulations presented in detail on subsequent pages of this report.

Each recommended act is investigated as to fact and degree of risk involved and is evaluated by the Commission on the basis of results of the investigation.

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DEED OF TRUST TO THE HERO FUND COMMISSION

Gentlemen: We live in a heroic age. Not seldom are we thrilled by deeds of heroism where men or women are injured or lose their lives in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows; such the heroes of civilization. The heroes of barbarism maimed or killed theirs.

I have long felt that the heroes and those dependent upon them should be freed from pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism, and, as a fund for this purpose, I have transferred to the Commission five million dollars of First Collateral Five Per Cent. Bonds of the United States Steel Corporation, the proceeds to be used as follows:

FIRST. To place those following peaceful vocations, who have been injured in heroic effort to save human life, in somewhat better positions pecuniarily than before, until again able to work. In the case of death, the widow and children, or other dependents, to be provided for until she remarries, and the children until they reach a self-supporting age. For exceptional children exceptional grants may be made for exceptional education. Grants of sums of money may also be made to heroes or heroines as the Commission thinks advisable—each case to be judged on its merits.

SECOND. No grant is to be continued unless it be soberly and properly used, and the recipients remain respectable, well-behaved members of the community, but the heroes and heroines are to be given a fair trial, no matter what their antecedents. Heroes deserve pardon and a fresh start.

THIRD. A medal shall be given to the hero, or widow, or next of kin, which shall recite the heroic deed it commemorates, that descendants may know and be proud of their descent. The medal shall be given for the heroic act, even if the doer be uninjured, and also a sum of money, should the Commission deem such gift desirable.

FOURTH. Many cities provide pensions for policemen, firemen, teachers, and others, and some may give rewards for acts of heroism. All these and other facts the Commission will take into account and act accordingly in making grants. Nothing could be further from my intention than to deaden or interfere with these most creditable provisions, doubly precious as

showing public and municipal appreciation of faithful and heroic service. I ask from the Commission most careful guard against this danger. The medal can, of course, be offered in such cases. Whether something more can not judiciously be done, at the request of, or with the approval of, the city authorities, the Commission shall determine. I hope there can be.

FIFTH. The claims upon the Fund for some years can not exhaust it. After years, however, pensioners will become numerous. Should the Commission find, after allowing liberally for this, that a surplus will remain, it has power to make grants in case of accidents (preferably where a hero has appeared) to those injured. The action taken in the recent Harwick Mine accident, where Heroes Taylor and Lyle lost their lives, is an illustration. The community first raised a fund of forty thousand dollars, which was duplicated by me after waiting until the generosity of the community had full scope. Here again the Commission should be exceedingly careful, as in this case, not to deaden, but to stimulate employers or communities to do their part, for such action benefits givers themselves as well as recipients.

SIXTH. It seems probable that cities and employers on this continent will ultimately be placed under similar conditions to those of Britain, Germany, and other European States, and required to provide against accidents to employees. Therefore, the Commission, by a two-thirds vote, may devote any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned) to such other modes of benefiting those in want, chiefly caused through no fault of their own (such as drunkenness, laziness, crimes, etc.) but through exceptional circumstances, in such manner and to such extent as the Commission thinks advisable and likely to do more good than if such sums were given to those injured by accident, where the latter may be suitably provided for by law, or otherwise.

SEVENTH. The field embraced by the Fund is the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Colony of Newfoundland, and the waters thereof. The sea is the scene of many heroic acts. No action more heroic than that of doctors and nurses volunteering their services in the case of epidemics. Railroad employees are remarkable for heroism. All these and similar cases are embraced. Whenever heroism is displayed by man or woman in saving human life, the Fund applies.

EIGHTH. No personal liability will attach to members for any act of the Commission. The Commission has power to fill vacancies.

NINTH. The Commission has full power to sell, invest, or reinvest all funds; to employ all officials, including Secretary, traveling agents to visit and oversee beneficiaries, etc. and to fix their compensation. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed all expenses incurred, including traveling expenses attending meetings. The President shall be granted such honoraria as the Commission thinks proper and as he can be prevailed upon to accept.

TENTH. An annual report, including a detailed statement of sums and medals granted and the reasons therefor, shall be made each year and published in at least one newspaper in the principal cities of the countries embraced by the Fund. A finely executed roll of the heroes and heroines shall be kept displayed in the office at Pittsburgh.

Andrew Carnegie

NEW YORK, MARCH 12TH, 1904

WITNESS, LOUISE WHITFIELD CARNEGIE

THE CARNEGIE MEDAL



THE CARNEGIE MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO ONE WHO, AT THE RISK OF HIS OR HER OWN LIFE,
SAVES OR ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Mr. Carnegie's embossed profile dominates the front of the medal. On the reverse side in low relief are shown the geographical outlines of the United States and Canada, the countries to which the Fund applies. In higher relief the seals of these countries are shown, with the United States below the inscription plate, and Canada and Newfoundland at the top left and right of it, respectively.

Relief work surrounding the inscription plate reveals a sprig of laurel underneath and sprigs of ivy, oak, and thistle at the top. Laurel typifies glory; ivy, friendship; oak, strength; and thistle, persistency. Encircling the relief work is a quotation from the New Testament (John XV, 13): "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CARNEGIE MEDAL

There must be conclusive evidence that the person performing the act voluntarily risked his or her own life to an extraordinary degree in saving or attempting to save the life of another person, or voluntarily sacrificed himself or herself in a heroic manner for the benefit of others.

The act of rescue must be one in which no full measure of responsibility exists between the rescuer and the rescued.

The act must have been performed in the United States, Canada, or the waters thereof and must be brought to the attention of the Commission within two years of the date of rescue.

Persons *not* eligible for awards are: those whose duties in following their regular vocations require them to perform such acts, unless the rescues are clearly beyond the line of duty; members of the armed services; children considered by the Commission to be too young to comprehend the risks involved; and members of the same family, except in cases of outstanding heroism where the rescuer loses his or her life or is severely injured.

AWARDS

A medal is presented to the person performing the act or, in case of death, to the widow, widower, or the next of kin.

When a rescuer loses his or her life in the performance of an act, contributions may be made toward the livelihood of the dependents. If the rescuer is disabled in the performance of the act, periodic contributions may be made to his or her livelihood. If the rescuer is not injured, a monetary grant may nevertheless be made, should the Commission deem such gift desirable. Awardees and the dependents of posthumous and disabled awardees are eligible for scholarship assistance.

The benefits to be paid and the manner of payment are determined by the Commission after consideration of the circumstances of each awardee. Continuing benefits are paid only if there is clear need for such assistance and only if such benefits are soberly and properly used and the recipients remain respectable members of their communities.

HEROIC ACTS RECOGNIZED DURING 1997

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE CITED BY THE
CARNEGIE HERO FUND COMMISSION IN 1997 FOR HAVING PERFORMED
OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM. IN EACH CASE,
A CARNEGIE MEDAL AND A MONETARY GRANT WERE AWARDED.

RANDY H. ADDERTON, DECEASED
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Randy H. Adderton died attempting to save Brittiani N. Adderton from burning, Goldsboro, North Carolina, April 3, 1996. Brittiani, 4, and her brother, Randy, 13, student, were inside their family's one-story house after fire broke out in the living room. While their mother attempted to fight the flames, Randy helped his disabled grandmother from the bedroom area of the house to the front door. When Brittiani's absence was noticed, he turned and ran back toward the bedrooms. The fire spread quickly, producing dense smoke and blistering heat. The grandmother and mother fled the house. Realizing that Randy and Brittiani remained inside, the mother attempted to rescue them but was thwarted by deteriorating conditions. Randy and Brittiani were found by firefighters in one of the bedrooms; both had died of smoke inhalation. 70607-8084

FRED R. ANDERSON
CRYSTAL FALLS, MICHIGAN

Fred R. Anderson rescued Jody L. Ayers from burning, Alpha, Michigan, July 1, 1996. Ms. Ayers, 24, was unconscious in the front seat of her car after it left the highway and, wedged among trees, caught fire. Anderson, 42, fabricator and welder, approached the scene on his motorcycle and, seeing flames, went down an embankment to the burning car. Unable to gain access through its driver's side, he went to the passenger door and, with difficulty, broke the door's window. Anderson then extended his upper body into the car, grasped Ms. Ayers, and, requiring repeated attempts, removed her from the car as flames quickly spread, including to its interior. Others helped carry Ms. Ayers back to the road. She was hospitalized for treatment of burns and other injuries, from which she died 16 days later. Anderson recovered from a bruised elbow and minor burns to his face and hand. 70934-8135

BRUCE DOUGLAS BADGETT, DECEASED
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Bruce Douglas Badgett died after helping to save Yolanda T. Viganas from drowning, Erwin, North Carolina, April 17, 1996. Yolanda, 11, and a friend were in a canoe that capsized on Maynard Lake and spilled them into the deep, cold water. They screamed for help. The fiance of the friend's mother, Badgett, 36, plant manager, responded to the scene from his nearby home. He immediately entered the water and, the friend swimming to the bank on her own, swam to Yolanda and pushed on her. Yolanda dog-paddled toward the bank where she was aided from the water, but Badgett submerged. He was recovered after several minutes by the fire department and was taken to the hospital, where he died of drowning the next day. 70583-8123

MONTE BASSETT
CODY, WYOMING

Monte Bassett attempted to save Charles Norwood, Jr., and Blakes L. Powell from drowning, Cody, Wyoming, March 12, 1996. Norwood, 65, and Powell, 62, were ice fishing at Buffalo Bill Reservoir when they broke through the ice at a point about 150 feet from the bank, where water was about 25 feet deep. Fishing nearby, Bassett, 77, retired rancher, heard the men's cries for help and hurried to where they were struggling in the 38-degree water. Bassett extended one end of a six-foot iron bar to the men and, kneeling, was engaged in pulling one of them back onto the ice when he too entered the open water. Meanwhile, an 18-year-old woman who was sightseeing at the reservoir went onto the ice with a horse halter to which a rope was attached. She threw one end of that line to the men, and Bassett grasped it. After several attempts and with difficulty, the woman pulled Bassett onto solid ice. Norwood and Powell submerged and drowned, their bodies recovered later that day.

70660-8110

ANNELL BINGS
AACHEN, GERMANY

Annell Bings helped to save Marianne Schrimpf from drowning, Mt. Currie, British Columbia, July 19, 1994. Ms. Schrimpf, 65, and Annell, 17, student,

were passengers in an automobile that, in an accident, left the roadway and entered the Birkenhead River. The car began to sink at a point about 60 feet from the closer bank in about 11 feet of water, which was made frigid by snowmelt from mountains and ice fields in the vicinity. Annell, who had been sleeping before the accident, opened one of the car's rear doors, exited the vehicle, and swam to the bank. Seeing neither Ms. Schrimpf nor the driver, she returned to the car, which had submerged by then. Annell went below the surface of the water to the car and, with difficulty, opened a door. She entered the car partially, grasped Ms. Schrimpf, who was unconscious, and removed her to the surface. Annell swam toward the bank with Ms. Schrimpf, en route grasping one end of a rope that was thrown to her. The women were then pulled to the bank. Cold and tired, they recovered from effects of the ordeal, Ms. Schrimpf having required hospitalization. Another woman who had been in the car also survived, but the driver drowned. 70568-8144

RANDY JOE BOSWELL, DECEASED
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Randy Joe Boswell died after helping to save a girl from drowning, Kure Beach, North Carolina, August 13, 1995. While playing at the shoreline of an Atlantic Ocean beach in a state recreation area, an 11-year-old girl and her friend were caught in a very strong current and pulled seaward into deeper water. From on shore, Boswell, 33, drywall installer, and another man ran into the water then waded and swam to the girls. The other man returned the girl's friend to shore, but Boswell and the girl struggled. A third man entered the water and swam toward them; Boswell pushed the girl toward him, and that man returned her to shore. The girl was unconscious but was revived and was hospitalized overnight for treatment of effects of the ordeal. Carried away by the current, Boswell submerged and drowned; his body was recovered the next morning. 71076-8104

GREG A. BOWERIN
MEDICINE HAT, ALBERTA

Greg A. Bowerin helped to save David T. Sammons from drowning, Medicine Hat, Alberta, July 25, 1996. Sammons, 25, was attempting to cross the South Saskatchewan River on horseback when he became separated from his horse

and was washed downstream by the swift current. He struggled to stay afloat. Bowerin, 29, utility contractor, was bicycling along the bank when, alerted to the situation, he saw Sammons in the river at a point about midway across. Bowerin removed his shoes and, joining another man, waded and swam to Sammons. They secured a hold on him and began to return him to the bank, against the current, which carried them downstream. After breaking away to rest, Bowerin rejoined the others, then swam alone with Sammons as the other man rested apart momentarily. Bowerin and the other man returned Sammons to the bank at a point several hundred feet downstream from where they had entered the river. Exhausted, Sammons required medical attention; he recovered. Bowerin was very tired, but he recovered shortly. 71143-8113

CHRISTOPHER BOYCE

LANGLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Christopher Boyce saved a woman from drowning, Richmond, British Columbia, June 19, 1996. At night, a 22-year-old woman jumped from a bridge into the Middle Arm of the Fraser River in a suicide attempt and was carried downstream by the tidal current. Among those responding to the scene was a city employee, Boyce, 39, equipment operator, who was working nearby. Boyce entered the 55-degree water and swam to the woman, en route removing his boots, which were weighing him down. The woman was face down in the river but still conscious. Boyce grasped her around the neck and swam to the bank with her, arriving firefighters then aiding them from the river. The woman was taken to a hospital. Boyce was cold after the rescue and sustained cuts to his toes; he recovered. 70877-8109

ROBERT FRANCIS BURAU

ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Robert Francis Burau rescued James R. Jones from burning, Roseville, California, August 5, 1996. Jones, 55, was inside his one-story house after fire erupted in the attached garage and spread quickly into the house. A neighbor, Burau, 30, transportation manager, saw smoke issuing from the house and responded to the scene. While other neighbors were attempting entry through the back of the house, Burau approached the front door, which was adjacent to the garage. Opening the door, he saw Jones through the smoke;

Jones, who was seriously burned, was in a wheelchair in the house's front entry. Despite flames then spreading to the entry, Burau went into the house, approached Jones, and, with difficulty, maneuvered the wheelchair to the front door. He then took Jones outside to safety moments before flames were seen issuing through the front door. Jones was hospitalized for treatment of his burns but died one month later. 71075-8140

BRENT ERNEST BURKETT

JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

Brent Ernest Burkett saved Angela M. Kokott from drowning, Jamestown, North Dakota, July 29, 1995. Ms. Kokott, 39, and four friends were rafting on Pipestem Creek, made swift and swollen by runoff from a nearby reservoir. As they approached a 150-foot-long concrete culvert which took the creek under a roadway, the party attempted to bank the raft but failed. All but Ms. Kokott abandoned the raft, which was then drawn into the culvert. At a point about halfway through, the raft became wedged in the narrow clearance between the surface of the water and the ceiling of the culvert. Ms. Kokott could neither dislodge the raft nor escape from it; likewise, one of her friends, who had entered the culvert for her, was unsuccessful in a rescue attempt. Ms. Kokott screamed for help. Other members of her party flagged down Burkett, 39, laborer, who was driving nearby with his family. Donning a life jacket, Burkett entered the culvert and was carried to the raft by the very swift current, but he too was unsuccessful in his rescue attempt and was washed from the culvert. Burkett made repeated trips through the culvert, during which he attempted both to dislodge and deflate the raft. On his final trip, he took a butcher knife that had been obtained and brought to the scene. He punctured the canvas raft, which deflated sufficiently to release Ms. Kokott to the water. Both Burkett and Ms. Kokott were washed from the culvert, then left the creek; they recovered from scratches and scrapes. 71092-8095

JAMES D. CAIN

RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

James D. Cain rescued DeShawn D. Hill from burning, Richmond, Kentucky, February 4, 1996. DeShawn, 1, was in a crib in a second-floor bedroom of his family's apartment after fire erupted in that room. Cain, 34, mason assistant,

drove upon the scene and learned from others gathered there that DeShawn remained inside the burning building. Cain attempted entry first by mounting the front porch roof and breaking out a window to the bedroom, but heat and dense smoke forced him back to the ground. He then entered the apartment through its front door and went upstairs to the second floor. Unable to see in the dense smoke, Cain moved toward DeShawn by following his cries. He located DeShawn in the burning bedroom, then removed him from the crib and took him downstairs and outside to safety. DeShawn was severely burned and required extensive hospitalization. Cain recovered from having inhaled smoke.

70576-8072

JERRY CAINES
RIEGELWOOD, NORTH CAROLINA

Jerry Caines helped to rescue Edith D. Bass from burning, Whiteville, North Carolina, April 9, 1996. Ms. Bass, 55, was trapped in the driver's seat of her sport utility vehicle after the vehicle left the highway and struck a tree, then caught fire. A motorist, Caines, 38, logger, arrived shortly at the scene, where another man was attempting to remove Ms. Bass through the vehicle's sunroof, wreckage having precluded access to her through any of its doors. With flames growing inside the vehicle, Caines joined the other man atop its roof for the removal of Ms. Bass through the sunroof opening. Ms. Bass, who was aflame, was then lowered to the ground, where the flames on her body were extinguished. The vehicle was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Bass required extensive hospitalization for severe burns and other injuries. Caines recovered from a minor burn to his hand.

70629-8068

TIMOTHY JAMES COEHOORN
REDCLIFE, ALBERTA

Timothy James Coehoorn helped to save David T. Sammons from drowning, Medicine Hat, Alberta, July 25, 1996. Sammons, 25, was attempting to cross the South Saskatchewan River on horseback when he became separated from his horse and was washed downstream by the swift current. He struggled to stay afloat. Coehoorn, 35, greenhouse operator, was walking along the bank when he saw Sammons in the river at a point about midway across. Coehoorn called for help on his portable telephone then removed his shoes

and, joined by another man, waded and swam to Sammons. They secured a hold on him and began to return him to the bank, against the current, which carried them downstream. When the other man broke away to rest, Coehoorn swam alone with Sammons; rejoined by the other man, he then rested apart momentarily. Coehoorn and the other man returned Sammons to the bank at a point several hundred feet downstream from where they had entered the river. Exhausted, Sammons required medical attention; he recovered. Coehoorn was very tired but recovered by the next day. 71144-8112

PAUL W. CONDRON

PLUM, PENNSYLVANIA

Paul W. Condron rescued Thomas C. and Anne L. Ford from burning, Plum, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1996. Ford, 80, and his wife, 68, were in the living room of their one-story house when the house was wracked by an explosion of built-up natural gas that had leaked into the structure. Flames began to consume the house rapidly. From their home next door, Condron, 55, retired credit manager, and his wife responded to the scene, where, through a blown-out window in the living room, they saw Ford, dazed and severely burned. Condron climbed to the window and removed Ford from the house, another neighbor and Condron's wife providing assistance. Not having seen Mrs. Ford in the living room, Condron went to the back of the house, calling her. She responded from the kitchen, which was aflame. Condron forced open a storm door, then the back door to allow entry. He grasped Mrs. Ford, who also was badly burned, and pulled her from the house. The house was engulfed by flames within minutes of the explosion and was reduced to its foundation within the hour. Ford and his wife were admitted to a burn unit, where Mrs. Ford died of effects of her burns 11 days later. Condron also required hospital treatment, for burns to his face and right hand. He recovered. 70337-8082

EDWARD P. COPPEDGE, DECEASED

FLOVILLA, GEORGIA

Edward P. Coppedge died after attempting to save Heather R. Parrott and Ryane N. Buckalew from drowning, Inlet Beach, Florida, July 26, 1996. Ms. Parrott, 25, and Ryane, 15, were on an air mattress in the Gulf of Mexico that was carried far from shore by a very strong current. They were unable to return. Alerted to their situation, a member of their party, Coppedge, 50,

sales representative, responded to the beach from a nearby condominium. He entered the water and was swimming toward the women as others from the party were arriving. Ms. Parrott and Ryane were rescued by two men using a life ring and a jet ski, but Coppedge had submerged by then. He drowned.

71020-8122

ROBERT F. DALTON, DECEASED
DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Robert F. Dalton died after attempting to save David B. Reynolds, Jr., from drowning, Sandwich, Massachusetts, June 7, 1996. Reynolds, 51, and Dalton, 56, retired executive, were fishing in Old Harbor Creek where it emptied into Cape Cod Bay. When Reynolds began to lose his footing while in the creek, causing his waders to fill with water, Dalton approached and extended his fishing rod to him, but Reynolds was swept into the creek. Dalton next cast his line into Reynolds's upraised hand, but then Dalton lost his footing, and both men were swept by the swift current into the bay, where the water temperature was 56 degrees. Another fisherman entered the bay, swam out to Reynolds, and returned him to shore. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of hypothermia, and he recovered. Dalton was removed from the bay by the Coast Guard, which had arrived shortly. He too was taken to the hospital, where he died of drowning the following day.

70849-8130

MICHAEL DAVIS
NEW BERLIN, NEW YORK

Michael Davis saved Tamara L. Gus from drowning, Morris, New York, April 25, 1996. After Ms. Gus, 22, lost control of the automobile she was driving, the vehicle left the road and entered a pond. The car floated to the center of the spring-fed pond, where water was about 10 feet deep. Davis, 38, foreman on the farm where the pond was located, responded to the scene. Despite a history of back problems which resulted in restrictions on his activities, Davis entered the frigid water and swam to the car. He broke out the driver's window, and the car began to sink rapidly. Davis reached through the window, grasped Ms. Gus, and pulled her out of the car as it submerged. They then returned to the bank, where they were treated for exposure to the cold water. They recovered.

70659-8073

KEVIN J. DINTINO
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Kevin J. Dintino saved Richard H. Sahadeo and helped to save Mark E. Holmes from drowning, Brighton, Maryland, September 1, 1996. Richard, 11, and Holmes, 36, were fishing the Patuxent River at the base of a dam when Richard slipped and fell into the water. Holmes immediately jumped in to help him but was unable to regain his footing, and they struggled against a strong current that took them farther into the river. In a picnic area on the bank of the river, Dintino, 30, physical therapist, became aware of the situation. He entered the water at the base of the dam and swam to Richard and Holmes, then began to tow Richard back to the bank. Tiring against the current, which drew him back into the river, Dintino turned and swam toward the other bank, still towing Richard. They reached a wall near the bank, and Dintino pushed Richard atop it, then returned to Holmes, who had progressed toward the same bank. Dintino helped Holmes reach the wall, where all three remained until rescue workers pulled them to safety. Richard, Holmes, and Dintino were cold and exhausted, but they recovered. 71111-8148

MICHAEL DOUTY, DECEASED
TAYLORS, SOUTH CAROLINA

Michael Douty died attempting to save Leigh C. Brandenburg from drowning, Greer, South Carolina, August 26, 1995. At night, Leigh, 17, lost her footing and fell from a flooded roadway into Hammett Creek, which was swollen by heavy rain. Submerging, she was washed into one of two culverts that normally carried the creek under the road, and she held briefly to the edge of the culvert. Several friends in her party, including Douty, 18, college student, responded from nearby. Douty entered the water for Leigh but was also pulled into one of the culverts, and he too grasped it by the edge. After the very strong current swept Leigh through the culvert, she surfaced and made her way back to the road. A passerby, 18, entered the creek for Douty; he too was carried through the culvert and left the water safely. Although his friends waited for Douty to surface, he did not, and his body was recovered the next day. He had drowned. 70031-8079

JOSEPH R. DOWDY, DECEASED
SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA

Joseph R. Dowdy died after helping to save James H. Neurohr from drowning, Clearwater, Florida, April 10, 1996. James, 10, was swimming in the Gulf of Mexico off Clearwater Beach when he was pulled by the current into an area where swimming was not safe. His grandfather, Dowdy, 75, retired teacher and coach, entered the water and waded out to him. They held onto each other as the current continued to pull them away from the swimming area. A wave broke over them, separating them. James made his way to a jetty and climbed from the water, but Dowdy was swept farther into the gulf. Other men, including a lifeguard, arrived and recovered Dowdy, but he could not be revived.

70597-8066

CHRISTOPHER M. EGAN
TROY, OHIO

Christopher M. Egan saved William J. Ferrell from being struck by a train, Fairborn, Ohio, August 4, 1996. When Ferrell, 19, became ill while driving and lost consciousness, his automobile left the highway and came to a stop partially atop a railroad track. Another motorist, Egan, 24, carpenter, stopped at the scene and ran to Ferrell's car, where he became aware that a freight train was approaching, at 35 m.p.h. Egan first attempted to back Ferrell's car off the track but was unsuccessful. As the train, although in emergency braking, neared, he leaned farther into the car, grasped Ferrell, and pulled him out. Egan then lost his footing and fell to the ground, next to the car, Ferrell atop him. Before Egan could move Ferrell and himself away, the train struck the front of Ferrell's car, knocking it off the track. Neither Egan nor Ferrell was injured.

71026-8115

GUY F. ELROD
LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA

Guy F. Elrod saved David W. Hall from being killed by a train, Lincoln, California, April 3, 1996. Hall, 33, was crossing a railroad track at a crossing when his motorized wheelchair became stuck on the track. A train approached on the track at about 50 m.p.h. Elrod, 46, food preparer, drove

upon the scene and, seeing Hall's predicament, ran to the track and waved his arms to signal the train crew. The train's brakes were applied. Elrod then turned to Hall and, after trying unsuccessfully to pull the wheelchair off the track, tipped it away from the track. Elrod cleared the track just as the train arrived, the front of it striking the wheelchair and knocking it and Hall more than 20 feet into a ditch. Hall required hospitalization for injury to an arm.

70598-8101

PERCY M. ENNIST

PINE BUSH, NEW YORK

Percy M. Ennist rescued Lawrence Maiello from burning, Walker Valley, New York, February 20, 1996. Maiello, 85, was alone in his mobile home after fire broke out on a back porch and spread to an adjacent addition, which was open to the home's living quarters. A neighbor, Ennist, 52, field clerk, was alerted to the fire and immediately responded to the scene, where he found 20-foot flames issuing from the mobile home's roof. After calling to Maiello and hearing a faint reply, Ennist broke open the front door and entered the living room. Despite intense heat, flames beginning to extend overhead, and diminished visibility in the smoke, Ennist located Maiello in the living room, then lifted him up and carried him outside to safety. Maiello was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation and first- and second-degree burns.

70515-8087

GREGORY ALLEN FRAUSTO

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Gregory Allen Frausto rescued a woman from assault, Runaway Bay, Texas, November 6, 1995. A 19-year-old woman was in the convenience store where she worked when a man entered, forcibly removed her from the store, and took her to his pickup truck. Making a delivery to the store, Frausto, 30, route driver, witnessed the abduction. He followed the assailant to the pickup and told him to release the woman. The assailant then secured a rifle from his truck and threatened both Frausto and the woman. Frausto went back to the store and told the manager that the assailant was armed. Returning to the scene, he again approached the assailant, who was attempting to get the woman into the truck. The assailant turned and struck Frausto with the butt of the rifle. In an ensuing scuffle, during which the woman was freed, Frausto

secured the rifle and locked it in the truck. He took the assailant to the ground and held him there until police arrived minutes later and arrested him. Frausto was treated for contusions to his nose, lip, and ribs. He recovered.

70414-8071

HUGO CESAR GARCIA

CASTRO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

Hugo Cesar Garcia rescued Mary G. English from burning, San Lorenzo, California, May 17, 1996. Ms. English, 74, was in a bedroom of her house when fire broke out in that room. Working in the neighborhood, Garcia, 23, gutter installer, was alerted to the fire. He responded to the scene and learned that Ms. English was still inside the burning house. After another man had tried to penetrate the smoke in the house to reach her, Garcia entered through the front door and, crossing the living room, called out to her. Dense smoke forced him from the house. He removed his sweater, which the other man sprayed with water from a garden hose, and, holding it to his face, re-entered the house. Garcia found Ms. English at the doorway of the burning bedroom. He picked her up and carried her to the front door, then outside to safety. Ms. English was treated at the hospital for minor ill effects of the fire, and she recovered.

70784-8086

HOLLY L. GARLITZ

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Holly L. Garlitz rescued Nicholas K. Mensah from assault, State College, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1996. A woman armed with a rifle and a hunting knife concealed herself in a planting of trees and bushes in a corner of a large, open lawn on a university campus. Firing several times, she killed one student, grazed the backpacks of two others, and seriously wounded Mensah, 22, who was walking on a path several hundred feet away. Mensah fell to the ground. Walking on the same path, Ms. Garlitz, 22, college student, took cover behind a tree after seeing Mensah fallen. Concluding that Mensah remained vulnerable in his exposed position, Ms. Garlitz left her cover, hurried to him, and, grabbing him by an arm, dragged him to the tree. The sniper was disarmed by another student. Mensah was hospitalized for treatment of his gunshot wound, which required surgery.

71224-8106

JEFFREY F. GAU
NESCONSET, NEW YORK

Jeffrey F. Gau saved Antoinette M. Cecere from burning, Flushing, New York, October 11, 1995. Ms. Cecere, 62, was in a second-floor apartment of a two-story house when fire broke out on the first floor and filled the house with smoke. Working in the area, Gau, 34, field technician, responded to the scene when he saw smoke issuing from the house. Learning that Ms. Cecere was on the second floor, he entered the foyer and partially ascended the stairs but was forced to exit the house because of the smoke. Gau obtained a rag and, placing it over his face, re-entered the house. Establishing verbal contact with Ms. Cecere, he climbed the stairs again. Feeling Ms. Cecere's hand, he grasped her by the arm, then took her downstairs and outside to safety. Both Gau and Ms. Cecere received hospital treatment for having inhaled smoke, and they recovered.

71594-8150

BOYD GAVIN
HAMPDEN, NEWFOUNDLAND

Boyd Gavin rescued Travis Pittman from burning, Hampden, Newfoundland, October 10, 1995. Travis, 2, and his infant brother were inside their family's one-story house after an electrical fire broke out in the living room. Flames spread quickly. Working outside in the neighborhood, Gavin, 47, construction supervisor, discovered the fire and ran to the scene. Knowing that the children were home, he shouldered open the front door and entered the house. Flames by then had reached the doorway; dense smoke precluded visibility inside, and heat was blistering. Gavin dropped to his hands and knees and went along the floor of a hall as he followed the sound of Travis's voice. Finding Travis at the end of the hall, Gavin grasped him with one arm, then crawled back to the door. The door had closed while Gavin was in the house, giving him difficulty in removing Travis to the outside. Gavin then searched for Travis's brother but was repelled by smoke. The house was destroyed by the fire, which claimed the life of Travis's brother. Travis and Gavin both sustained smoke inhalation and were hospitalized for treatment of first- and second-degree burns, Gavin remaining in the hospital for a week. They recovered.

70139-8077

STEVEN J. GERSTNER, DECEASED
RACINE, WISCONSIN

Steven J. Gerstner died helping attempt to save three boys from drowning, Kenosha, Wisconsin, May 19, 1996. Brothers Corey L., 7, and Ryan J. Hamm, 9, and their friend Christopher L. Schroeder, 7, were washed into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan by a strong undertow at the mouth of the Pike River. Gerstner, 23, accountant, and his brother and a friend were nearby, fishing from the shore of the lake. When the three men saw the boys struggling in the water, they immediately ran into the lake and swam to them. Gerstner and the two other men grasped the boys and, the current pulling them farther out, struggled in attempts to return them to the bank. The boys submerged and drowned in the 45-degree water, as did Gerstner; the two other men returned to shore safely, cold and tired. The boys' bodies were recovered from the lake that day, and Gerstner's, almost a month later. 70682-8081

MATTHEW ALAN GIBSON
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Matthew Alan Gibson saved Gabriel L. Barlow from effects of falling, Slade, Kentucky, July 27, 1996. Barlow, 18, was rappelling from Grays Arch, a 50-foot-high natural bridge in the Red River Gorge, when he lost his grip on the rope, sending him into free fall. A member of his party, Gibson, 23, college student, was nearby on the ground. An experienced climber, Gibson moved to a point under Barlow to effect rappelling techniques that would slow or stop his descent. Barlow, who outweighed Gibson by 50 pounds, struck Gibson, then deflected to the ground. He strained a muscle in his back and received second- and third-degree rope burns to his hands. He recovered. Gibson, who was knocked to the ground, was hospitalized for having sustained severe fractures to his left shoulder that required surgery and rehabilitation. 71117-8099

ALAINE GILL
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

Alaine Gill helped to rescue a woman and her son from assault, Norco, California, February 10, 1996. A 32-year-old woman and her two young sons were kidnapped by a man who, armed with a knife, forced the woman to

drive her car at high speeds over a course of several miles. Threatened and assaulted by the man as she drove, the woman purposely crashed her car in an attempt to end the attack. However, the assailant grasped the woman and one of her sons, 6, and dragged them away from the car, the woman screaming for help. A motorist, Ms. Gill, 34, homemaker, accompanied by her two children, was then approaching the scene. Seeing the assault, she drove to a point opposite the assailant and his victims, then stopped her car and opened a back door to provide the victims a means of escape. The assailant forced the woman and her son into the car, then, still armed with the knife, demanded of Ms. Gill to be driven away. Refusing him, Ms. Gill turned, grasped the knife, and struggled against the assailant. Several others who witnessed the assault also responded, and they removed the assailant from the car and subdued him. The woman and her son received hospital treatment for injury sustained during their ordeal, as did Ms. Gill and one of her children. Ms. Gill sustained a bite wound and a cut, from which she recovered. 71273-8149

DANA LORAIN GOODGE

TEMPE, ARIZONA

Dana Loraine Goodge helped to rescue Selina M. Stevens from attacking dogs, Tucson, Arizona, August 16, 1996. Selina, 9, was walking to a school bus stop when two adult, mixed-breed dogs attacked her. They took her to the pavement and began to maul her. Among those responding to the scene and intervening was Ms. Goodge, 33, nail technician, who lived nearby. She attempted to fight the dogs off, then, seeing them intent on Selina, she lay atop the girl to protect her. The dogs then attacked Ms. Goodge, inflicting a bite wound and abrasions. Ms. Goodge picked Selina up and ran to her apartment, the dogs following briefly before running away. Selina required hospitalization for treatment, including surgery, of numerous bite wounds. Ms. Goodge also was treated at the hospital for treatment of her injuries, from which she fully recovered. 71286-8125

THOMAS E. GREER
PARAGOULD, ARKANSAS

Thomas E. Greer helped to save Katherine T. Reid from burning, Memphis, Tennessee, February 6, 1996. Ms. Reid, 84, was inside her one-story house after fire erupted in the den. Flames spread, sending smoke throughout the house, including the dining room, where Ms. Reid lay, unconscious. Greer, 27, tree trimmer, was passing through the neighborhood when he saw smoke and flames issuing from the house. He broke the glass in a dining room window, then, after removing its security bars, climbed through the window. Unable to see in the dense smoke, Greer crawled around the dining room table, until he brushed against Ms. Reid. He established a hold on her, then dragged her to the window. With difficulty, Greer maneuvered Ms. Reid part way out of the window. Others who had arrived helped remove her from the house. Greer, uninjured, climbed outside to safety. Ms. Reid required prolonged hospitalization for severe smoke inhalation, and she recovered.

70754-8097

MICHAEL S. GUERRERO
GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Michael S. Guerrero saved Florence J. Moncure from being struck by a train, Washington, D.C., June 4, 1996. In a subway station, Ms. Moncure, 41, fell from a platform to the track bed. She sat, dazed, her leg touching the rail of a track on which a train was entering the station. Also on the platform, Guerrero, 21, college student, had seen Ms. Moncure fall. He immediately ran to the edge of the platform, lay down, and, extending his upper body over the track bed, into the path of the train, grasped Ms. Moncure by the sweater. That hold failed. As the train, although in emergency braking, bore down on them, Guerrero grasped Ms. Moncure and shoved her into the space underneath the edge of the platform. He then moved back onto the platform, just moments before the front of the train passed to stop beyond them. Ms. Moncure was hospitalized one week for treatment of her injuries. Guerrero recovered from cuts to his knees and arms.

70813-8083

NORMAN GUY
MESQUITE, TEXAS

Norman Guy helped to rescue Jessica N. Thomas from burning, Eureka, Texas, February 1, 1996. Jessica, 7, was the front-seat passenger of an automobile that was hit head on by another vehicle on an icy bridge. Her seat, pushed forward and down, trapped her in the wreckage. Guy, 34, personnel regional coordinator, drove upon the scene shortly and stopped, as did another man. Smoke, then flames issued from the engine area of the wrecked car and spread inside. Guy attempted to open the front passenger door, but it was jammed. He continued to pull on it from outside the car as the other man kicked from inside, thereby forcing it open. Guy and the other man used a blanket to shield Jessica from the growing flames and, manipulating the seat to expose her, used a pocketknife to cut her safety belt, which was still restraining her. The men then removed Jessica from the car, shortly before it was engulfed by flames. Jessica was hospitalized a month for treatment of severe burns to her legs. 71225-8089

EDWARD HALL
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Edward Hall rescued Aaron D. Callender from burning, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1995. At night, Aaron, 6, and his brother were in a third-floor bedroom of their babysitter's apartment when fire erupted on the floor below, in the apartment's living room. Hall, 34, security officer for the housing complex that included the three-story building, responded to the scene and went to the apartment's first floor. Flames were spreading inside the living room, producing intense heat and dense smoke. Crossing the living room, Hall continued upstairs, to the bedrooms. Unable to see in the smoke, he followed Aaron's cries and found him outside a bedroom door. Hall picked Aaron up and returned to the living room, which was then engulfed by flame. Carrying Aaron, Hall ran through flames then downstairs to the first floor and outside to safety. Aaron was severely burned and required hospital treatment. Hall was hospitalized 10 days for treatment of extensive burns, including third-degree, to his hands, head, and face.

70906-8121

RICHARD HARVIE
GOLD RIVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Richard Harvie saved Donald E. McKenney from electrocution, Gold River, British Columbia, June 9, 1995. McKenney, 57, was working on a component of an electrical unit at the industrial plant where he was employed when the component became energized with 2,300 volts. The shock prevented McKenney from releasing his grip on the energized parts. His co-worker, Harvie, 45, electrician, was nearby and witnessed the accident. He immediately went to McKenney's side, then stood over him, grasped the back of McKenney's clothing, and pulled him, breaking McKenney's grip on the component. McKenney required hospitalization for treatment of third-degree burns.

71161-8118

ARTHUR B. HEARN
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Arthur B. Hearn rescued Gloria M. Jones from assault, Chicago, Illinois, February 17, 1996. Ms. Jones, 64, was at work in a dry cleaning store when a man entered and, producing a gun, jumped over the counter and announced a robbery. He struck Ms. Jones in the head with the gun, then forced her to the rear of the store, Ms. Jones screaming for help. Hearn, 69, barber, was in his adjoining shop when he heard Ms. Jones. He immediately responded to the dry cleaning store and approached the assailant. Holding a gun to Ms. Jones's head, the assailant threatened both Hearn and Ms. Jones, and he then pointed the gun at Hearn and shot him in the knee. Hearn struggled against the assailant, knocking the gun from his grasp and freeing Ms. Jones. The assailant retrieved the gun and fled but was apprehended by police, who arrived shortly. Ms. Jones required hospital treatment for injury sustained in the assault, and Hearn was hospitalized two days for treatment of his gunshot wound, which required surgery. He recovered.

70469-8085

MARTIN L. HOGUE

VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

Martin L. Hogue rescued Eleanor Ramos from burning, Visalia, California, December 16, 1996. Ms. Ramos, 73, was inside her one-story house after fire erupted in a bedroom and spread quickly. Attempting to flee, she was overcome by smoke and fell to the floor in the kitchen. A neighbor, Hogue, 45, saw the flames and responded to the scene, where he learned that Ms. Ramos remained inside the burning house. Hogue entered the living room through the front door. Dense smoke forcing him to his knees, he crawled into the adjoining kitchen, calling Ms. Ramos by name but hearing nothing in response. In the kitchen, Hogue brushed against Ms. Ramos, then stood, grasped her by the ankles, and dragged her outside. Ms. Ramos required hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns. Hogue recovered from exposure to smoke.

71382-8143

JERRY INGRAM

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Jerry Ingram saved Ladd C. Caldwell from burning, Jackson, Tennessee, October 19, 1996. Ladd, 5, was playing in a farm trailer when fire broke out nearby and ignited the trailer's load of packed cotton. Sitting atop the trailer on a break, Ingram, 49, farm employee, immediately jumped into the trailer, ran to Ladd, and, with flames spreading quickly, picked him up and lifted him to the top of the trailer. Ladd dropped to his father below. Ingram then climbed up the side of the trailer and, his clothing aflame, dropped to the ground. After he extinguished the flames on him, he was taken to the hospital, where he was detained 86 days for treatment of second- and third-degree burns to 60 percent of his body.

71229-8124

JOHN L. JONES, DECEASED

PARLIN, NEW JERSEY

John L. Jones died attempting to save Robert J. Albertson from suffocation, Port Reading, New Jersey, January 23, 1996. At the transportation company terminal where he was employed, Albertson, 45, entered an empty tank trailer and was overcome by toxic fumes. Alerted to his plight was a

co-worker, Jones, 34, mechanic. Jones climbed to the top of the tanker, then lowered himself inside, through a manhole. He picked Albertson up and lifted him toward the manhole but then lost consciousness himself and fell to the floor of the tanker. Albertson and Jones were pulled out of the tanker by responding rescue personnel; both had succumbed. 70394-8141

MATTHEW JUDD, DECEASED
STOUGHTON, WISCONSIN

Matthew Judd died attempting to save Andrew T. Johns from drowning, Stoughton, Wisconsin, June 15, 1996. Andrew, 16, was one of a group of six boys on an outing at the Yahara River. Becoming caught in the water at the base of a dam, he struggled and called for help. One of the other boys, Matthew, 16, high school student, who had just left the river, immediately re-entered it and swam to Andrew. He and Andrew both submerged. Andrew was washed downstream to where he left the river safely, but Matthew drowned. 70869-8120

RODNEY C. KITTELSON, DECEASED
GOODHUE, MINNESOTA

Rodney C. Kittelson died helping to save Michael A. Kittelson from drowning, Goodhue, Minnesota, May 27, 1996. Michael, 2, fell from a bridge abutment into the deep, cold water of Wells Creek while on a fishing outing with his father and grandfather. The grandfather, Kittelson, 58, toolmaker, immediately jumped into the creek from the abutment. He submerged and resurfaced, holding Michael. Michael's father had also entered the creek; unable to touch bottom, he and Kittelson held to the side of the abutment and shouted for help. Kittelson submerged in the 46-degree water. Others arrived; with a rope they pulled Michael from the creek, then Michael's father, who first had attempted to remove Kittelson from the water. Kittelson was recovered by rescue personnel who then attempted resuscitation, but he could not be revived; he died of drowning due to hypothermia. Michael was treated at a hospital for hypothermia, and he recovered. 70875-8094

ROBERT A. KOERNER, DECEASED
JACKSON, NEW JERSEY

Robert A. Koerner died helping attempt to rescue Michael J. Wollmann from drowning, South Bound Brook, New Jersey, April 12, 1996. Wollmann, 35, was kayaking on the Raritan River while his friends Koerner, 41, programmer analyst, and another man were in a canoe ahead of him. Koerner and the other man took their canoe over a submerged, low-head dam, then through the boil at the base of the dam and continued downstream. Wollmann went over the dam in his kayak but spilled into the boil, from which he could not extract himself. He yelled for help. Koerner and the other man paddled back to the dam, approaching it bow first. Wollmann grasped the bow of their canoe and held to it as Koerner and the other man then attempted to paddle away from the dam. The canoe capsized, throwing Koerner and the other man into the boil. All three men were then caught in the turbulent water, but Wollmann and the other man were washed downstream, to points from which they exited the river safely. Both required hospital treatment. Koerner was not recovered. 70903-8126

DANIEL KUEHL
ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA

Daniel Kuehl saved Theresa M. Erickson from drowning, Montevideo, Minnesota, April 12, 1996. Ms. Erickson, 35, was driving on a snow-covered highway when her car slid into a field that was flooded by overflow from the adjacent Minnesota River. The car drifted about 60 feet into the field and began to submerge in water about eight feet deep. Another motorist, Kuehl, 44, mechanic, saw the accident and stopped at the scene. Ms. Erickson rolled down a window and shouted that she could not swim, then she climbed out of the car. Despite the frigid air and water temperatures, Kuehl entered the water, without removing his boots or other items of attire. He swam to Ms. Erickson, grasped her with one hand, then began to return to the edge of the field, Ms. Erickson kicking. Halfway back, Kuehl began to lose strength to the cold. Others assisted them from the water when they neared the edge of the flooded field. Both Ms. Erickson and Kuehl were treated at the hospital for mild hypothermia, from which they soon recovered. 70780-8065

ALAN LAIDLAW
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Alan Laidlaw helped attempt to save Michael Douty from drowning, Greer, South Carolina, August 26, 1995. At night, a 17-year-old girl fell from a flooded roadway into Hammett Creek, which was swollen by heavy rain. She was washed into one of two culverts that normally carried the creek under the road. Her friend, Douty, 18, entered the water for her but was himself pulled into a culvert, where, submerged, he maintained a grip of its edge. The girl was washed through the culvert and made her way to safety. A passerby, Laidlaw, 18, college student, entered the creek to help Douty's friends attempt to pull Douty from the water, but the very strong current swept him into the same culvert. He was carried through the culvert and surfaced, then left the water safely. Douty's body was recovered the next day; he had drowned. 71060-8080

JONATHAN MARK LANE
MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Jonathan Mark Lane saved 16 persons from assault, Moses Lake, Washington, February 2, 1996. A 14-year-old boy armed with a rifle and two handguns entered a junior high school classroom and shot three students and the teacher. Another teacher at the school, Lane, 48, heard the gunshots from nearby and responded to the scene. He entered the classroom and, seeing the armed assailant, sought refuge behind the teacher's desk. Ordered by the assailant to stand, Lane pleaded with the assailant to put down his weapon, and he helped to secure the release of three students, including two of those who had been wounded. Lane aided in the removal of those students but returned to the room each time. When the assailant told Lane to approach to be taken as hostage, Lane charged the assailant, pinning him. The remaining students thus freed, police who had arrived entered the room and apprehended the assailant. The teacher and two of the students who had been shot died of their wounds. 70374-8151

ALFRED M. LEE
GLENNALLEN, ALASKA

Alfred M. Lee helped to save Clarence P. Bartley, Donald A. Willey, and Ron C. Walter from drowning, Glennallen, Alaska, September 10, 1995. Bartley, 67, was the pilot of a float plane that overturned while attempting to take off from Tazlina Lake. The plane's floats remained at the surface of the water, and he awaited help atop them for several hours. Among those alerted to his plight were Willey, 35, and Walter, 45, who responded in a helicopter. As they attempted a rescue, the helicopter crashed into the water and sank, but Willey and Walter pulled themselves onto the floats of Bartley's plane. Lee, 70, pilot, and another man, both of whom also had responded, saw the helicopter crash while circling in Lee's float plane. Despite a strong, steady wind of 30 m.p.h. and rough seas to four feet, conditions that otherwise would have precluded an attempt to land, Lee took his plane to a hard but safe landing on the lake. He taxied his plane to the three men in the water and held it into the wind while his passenger disembarked to one of its floats to help secure Bartley. With difficulty, the passenger, Willey, and Walter maneuvered Bartley, who was incapacitated, into Lee's plane. When all of the men were aboard, Lee taxied to shore two miles away, not willing to attempt takeoff from the lake under prevailing conditions. A military helicopter arrived shortly and evacuated Bartley and Willey. Bartley was hospitalized for treatment of hypothermia and other injury, and he recovered. Although one of his plane's floats had been damaged in the rescue, Lee took off from a cove that offered some protection and returned, with the others, to safety. 71268-8132

FRANK L. LONGEST
NORTH HILLS, CALIFORNIA

Frank L. Longest helped attempt to save Russell E. Schrader from burning, Bakersfield, California, August 30, 1996. Schrader, 47, was trapped inside an inverted pickup truck after a highway accident. Arriving at the scene in another vehicle, Longest, 44, accountant, stopped, as did other motorists. Although the pickup was leaking gasoline, Longest approached it and, with another man, assisted an emerging passenger from the wreckage. Longest returned to the truck's passenger side and, while standing in gasoline, attempted to pry open the door to free Schrader. The gasoline ignited, engulfing the truck with flame and setting fire to Longest as well as to the

immediate area of highway and brush. Longest ran from the fire and rolled on the ground to extinguish the flames on him. Schrader and another man in the truck died at the scene. Longest was hospitalized two weeks for treatment, including surgery, of second- and third-degree burns to his arms and legs.

71339-8129

LORENZO D. MACON, SR.

RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

Lorenzo D. Macon, Sr., saved four children from burning, Richmond, California, March 28, 1996. Twin girls, 3, and two boys, 7 and 1, were unattended inside their family's one-story house when fire broke out in the kitchen. Smoke issuing from the house attracted the attention of neighbors and passersby, including Macon, 34, traffic officer. Learning that children remained inside the burning house, Macon climbed through a broken window into the smoke-filled living room, which was adjacent to the kitchen. Although he heard children screaming, he could not see any of them because of the dense smoke. He walked through the room and located the first child, whom he took to the window and handed to others outside. In similar fashion, Macon located and rescued a second child, then climbed from the house through the window. Learning that two more children remained inside the burning house, Macon climbed through the window again, walked around the living room, and found the remaining two children. He took them to the window and handed them outside to others, then climbed out of the house. The children were treated for smoke inhalation at the hospital, as was Macon. He recovered.

70572-8090

BRENDON D. MALOVRH

DOWNINGTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Brendon D. Malovrh saved an indeterminate number of people from assault, State College, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1996. A woman armed with a rifle and a hunting knife concealed herself in a planting of trees and bushes in a corner of a large, open lawn on a university campus. Firing several times, she killed one student and wounded another. Malovrh, 21, college student, was walking nearby when he heard the shots. He approached the sniper's position to investigate, then made eye contact with her as she appeared to be

reloading the rifle. The sniper leveling the rifle at him, Malovrh rushed her and removed it from her grasp. The sniper then attempted to stab Malovrh but wounded herself in the encounter and fell to the ground. Malovrh secured the weapons then tended to the sniper's wound. She was arrested by police, who arrived shortly. 71115-8107

BRENTON C. J. MARCHUK
KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Brenton C. J. Marchuk rescued Daniel R. Marchuk from an attacking bear, Mackenzie, British Columbia, May 21, 1995. In a remote camp from which he worked as a reforestation planter, Daniel, 18, was attacked by an adult male black bear weighing 250 pounds. The bear took him to the ground and bit him about the scalp. Daniel's cousin, Brenton, 20, who also was a planter, was approaching the scene when he saw the attack. He immediately ran to the bear and kicked it, then struck it repeatedly with a tree limb that he had picked up. The bear stopped its attack on Daniel and looked at Brenton, enabling Daniel, bleeding profusely, to flee to the main part of the camp. After striking the bear again, Brenton also ran to the camp, but the bear followed them. Daniel was attempting to seek cover in a tent when the bear caught up to him and grasped him by the leg. Brenton struck the bear again and others pelted it with objects. Again freed, Daniel entered the tent. The bear walked away before it was shot dead by another planter. Daniel was hospitalized four days for treatment of puncture wounds and severe lacerations which required extensive suturing. He recovered. 70638-8091

CONNIE S. MILLER
RINGGOLD, GEORGIA

Connie S. Miller attempted to rescue Cameron R. and Casey S. Vaughn from a runaway vehicle, Ringgold, Georgia, August 30, 1996. Twin brothers Cameron and Casey, 4, were inside their family's van, parked on a residential street with its engine running, when the van began to move forward. Ms. Miller, 30, the boys' babysitter, was in her yard adjoining the street, conversing with the boys' mother, when she saw the van start to move. She ran to the vehicle's driver's side, then, with difficulty, partially entered it. The van continued; it had left the street and was coasting down the sloped yard toward a parked pickup truck. As Ms. Miller struggled to bring the vehicle

under control, it struck a tree, forcing the opened door against her legs, then continued forward and struck another tree, which stopped it. One of the boys had a minor cut on his foot. Ms. Miller's injuries included a serious cut to one leg that required hospitalization and surgery. 71220-8142

SCOTT MILLER
PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA

Scott Miller saved Dorothy C. Pederson from burning, San Carlos, California, February 23, 1996. Ms. Pederson, 62, lay unconscious on the floor of her apartment, which was on the second floor of her mother's two-story house, after fire broke out in the apartment's kitchen area. Discovering the fire, Miller, 29, engineer, alerted Ms. Pederson's mother, then learned from her that Ms. Pederson was on the second floor. Miller entered the house and went to the second floor, where smoke and flames were increasing. Finding Ms. Pederson about six feet from the top of the stairs, Miller grasped her by the arms and dragged her to the stairs, then picked her up and carried her downstairs and outside to safety. The apartment was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Pederson was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation, and Miller was given oxygen at the scene. 70571-8064

P. RAYMOND MORRIS
LOGAN, UTAH

P. Raymond Morris rescued Emma K. Anderson from burning, Logan, Utah, November 3, 1995. Ms. Anderson, 76, was at home when fire broke out in the basement of her one-story house and filled it with dense smoke. A neighbor, Morris, 58, custodian, was alerted to the fire. He ran to the scene and entered the burning house through the kitchen door but was forced out by the smoke. Re-entering, he got down on his stomach and, guided by Ms. Anderson's voice, crawled across two rooms to where he found Ms. Anderson, who was standing about 22 feet from the kitchen door. Morris pulled her to the floor, then dragged her to the door as flames spread to the ceiling over them. At the door, other men assisted in removing Ms. Anderson from the house and carrying her away. Ms. Anderson was hospitalized several days for treatment of smoke inhalation. Morris also inhaled smoke but recovered later that day. 70182-8116

GEORGE MOTZA, JR., DECEASED
GERMANTOWN, OHIO

George Motza, Jr., died helping to save Ross W. Thomas from drowning, Oxford, Ohio, June 2, 1996. Wading atop a submerged spillway at Acton Lake, Ross, 4, and his half brother entered a pool of deep water in Fourmile Creek. They floundered there. Fishing from the bank of the pool, Motza, 34, laborer, entered the water and swam to Ross. He took Ross from a boy who was attempting a rescue, and, with Ross positioned on Motza's back, moved downstream with the current. Another man who was fishing from the bank entered the water and swam to them. He established a hold on Ross, but Motza had submerged. The fisherman took Ross to wadable water and safety. Motza could not be located immediately. His body was recovered from the pool several hours later; he had drowned. 70708-8076

JOHN E. NAGY
GREEN BROOK, NEW JERSEY

John E. Nagy helped attempt to rescue Michael J. Wollmann from drowning, South Bound Brook, New Jersey, April 12, 1996. Wollmann, 35, was kayaking on the Raritan River while his friends Nagy, 43, billing systems analyst, and another man were in a canoe ahead of him. Nagy and the other man took their canoe over a submerged, low-head dam, then through the boil at the base of the dam and continued downstream. Wollmann went over the dam in his kayak but spilled into the boil, from which he could not extract himself. He yelled for help. Nagy and the other man paddled back to the dam, approaching it bow first. Wollmann grasped the bow of their canoe and held to it as Nagy and the other man then attempted to paddle away from the dam. The canoe capsized, throwing Nagy and the other man into the boil. All three men were then caught in the turbulent water, but Wollmann and Nagy were washed downstream, to points from which they exited the river safely. Both required hospital treatment. The other man was not recovered.

71277-8127

FRANK M. NIELSEN

CORONA, CALIFORNIA

Frank M. Nielsen rescued Priscilla R. Whitaker from attacking dogs, Corona, California, November 14, 1996. Ms. Whitaker, 39, and a friend were walking through a residential area when three rottweilers approached. Two of the dogs took Ms. Whitaker to the ground, then all three began to maul her. Riding his bicycle nearby, Nielsen, 43, engineer, saw the attack. He rode to the scene, taking his bicycle up against one of the larger dogs, which weighed about 100 pounds. He then got off the bicycle, lifted it, and slammed it down against the dogs, causing them to release Ms. Whitaker. As the dogs continued to menace, Nielsen stood between them and Ms. Whitaker and, screaming, used his bicycle to fight them off for about three minutes. The dogs left the area but were captured. Ms. Whitaker required hospital treatment, including surgery, for several bite wounds. Nielsen was treated at the hospital for back pain, from which he recovered. 71259-8136

LAWRENCE O'GRADY

CARBONEAR, NEWFOUNDLAND

Lawrence O'Grady helped to rescue a man from burning, St. John's, Newfoundland, October 18, 1995. At night, a 20-year-old man lay, injured and burned, at the base of a petroleum products storage tank that had just exploded into a massive fireball. Burning intensely from its top, the 36-foot-high tank, set into a hillside above St. John's Harbor, threatened an adjacent tank, and it was in the narrow space between the tanks that the man lay. O'Grady, 40, cook, witnessed the explosion from the harbor and, with his cousin, immediately responded to the scene. Learning that the injured man was unaccounted for, O'Grady and his cousin scaled the hillside near the tanks for a better view. They saw the man, then descended to and entered the containment area surrounding the tanks and approached him. With flames raging overhead, they grasped the man and dragged him away. Arriving firefighters assisted in taking the man farther from the tanks and to an awaiting ambulance. The man was hospitalized for treatment of his burns and other injuries, and he recovered. 70188-8092

PATRICK O'GRADY
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

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70189-8093

DEBORAH RAE O'SHIELDS
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE

Deborah Rae O'Shields saved Jaimi A. Cunningham from drowning, New Castle, Delaware, December 10, 1995. Jaimi, 7, broke through the ice covering the deep end of a partially drained swimming pool and submerged in the frigid water. Ms. O'Shields, 33, secretary, who lived nearby, was alerted to the situation and immediately responded, barefoot, to the scene. Although the air temperature was only 20 degrees, Ms. O'Shields made a cannonball dive through the ice when she did not see Jaimi in the pool. Submerging in two attempts, she looked for Jaimi by circling the deep end of the pool, and during one resurfacing attempt, she hit ice overhead. Submerging a third time, Ms. O'Shields located Jaimi; she grasped his jacket and pulled him to the surface, then broke a path through the ice to a ladder on the pool's side. Another woman who had responded took Jaimi, who was unconscious, from Ms. O'Shields. Jaimi was hospitalized for treatment of hypothermia, and he recovered.

70261-8070

PATRICK O'TOOLE
WALL TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY

Patrick O'Toole saved Linda C. Johntry from being struck by a train, Belmar, New Jersey, July 1, 1996. Ms. Johntry, 45, was in a motorized wheelchair that had become stuck on a railroad track, at a crossing, on which a train was approaching. A passing motorist, O'Toole, 47, retired delivery driver, saw the situation and immediately ran to her. As the train bore down on them, O'Toole grasped the wheelchair and attempted to dislodge it, then grasped Ms. Johntry and pulled her out of the wheelchair. They fell to the pavement, away from the track, just before the train, in emergency braking, passed them. The train struck the wheelchair, forcing it from the track to hit O'Toole in the leg, then stopped beyond the rescue point. O'Toole recovered from a bruise to his leg. 70938-8098

BRENTWOOD O. PARKER
WHITEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Brentwood O. Parker helped to rescue Edith D. Bass from burning, Whiteville, North Carolina, April 9, 1996. Ms. Bass, 55, was trapped in the driver's seat of her sport utility vehicle after the vehicle left the highway and struck a tree, then caught fire. Having witnessed the accident, Parker, 34, correction officer, responded to the scene. As wreckage precluded access to Ms. Bass through any of the vehicle's doors, Parker climbed onto its roof and, with flames growing inside the vehicle, removed and discarded the sunroof. He then reached inside the vehicle and loosened Ms. Bass's seat belt. Another man arrived and joined Parker atop the burning vehicle for the removal of Ms. Bass through the sunroof opening. Ms. Bass, who was aflame, was then lowered to the ground, where the flames on her body were extinguished. The vehicle was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Bass required extensive hospitalization for severe burns and other injuries. Parker recovered from a bruised hand and a minor burn to his leg. 70628-8067

BRUCE S. PHILLIPS
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Bruce S. Phillips rescued George H. Wray from burning, Andover, Ohio, August 18, 1996. Wray, 69, was in his 35-foot trailer at a campground when it was wracked by a propane explosion that set the trailer aflame. Phillips, 30, college student, responded from a nearby site after hearing the explosion. He entered Wray's trailer through its front door and, despite smoke and flames in the interior, made his way back to its bedroom, where he found Wray, dazed, on the bed. Phillips took Wray to the nearby back door and exited the trailer with him moments before the trailer was engulfed by flame. Wray required lengthy hospitalization for extensive burns, from which he recovered.

71298-8137

MICHAEL F. PONTY
SORRENTO, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Michael F. Ponty helped to rescue Marko Shehovac from assault, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, October 31, 1995. Shehovac, 41, a police officer, was attempting to arrest a youth in the jewelry store owned by Ponty, 33, when the youth struggled against him aggressively. Ponty called for police backup, then joined in the struggle, during which the assailant obtained Shehovac's gun and pointed it at Shehovac. Ponty grasped the gun and pushed it away just before it fired. Two other officers then arrived and apprehended the assailant. Ponty sustained minor powder burns to his hand, from which he recovered.

71662-8139

FREDERICK J. PULEO
BAY CITY, TEXAS

Frederick J. Puleo helped to rescue Jessica N. Thomas from burning, Eureka, Texas, February 1, 1996. Jessica, 7, was the front-seat passenger of an automobile that was hit head on by another vehicle on an icy bridge. Her seat, pushed forward and down, trapped her in the wreckage. Puleo, 40, power plant supervisor, drove upon the scene shortly and stopped to tend to the victims of the accident. Smoke, then flames issued from the engine area of the wrecked car and spread inside. Another man who had arrived attempted to

open the front passenger door, but it was jammed. To help force it open, Puleo entered the car, despite growing smoke and flames in the interior, and, sitting on the floor in the back-seat area, kicked the door while the other man pulled on it from outside. Puleo and the other man used a blanket to shield Jessica from the growing flames and, manipulating the seat to expose her, used a pocketknife to cut her safety belt, which was still restraining her. The men then removed Jessica from the car, shortly before it was engulfed by flames. Jessica was hospitalized a month for treatment of severe burns to her legs. Puleo received medical treatment for burns to his hands, and he recovered.

70489-8088

GUILLERMO RANGEL

SEGUIN, TEXAS

Guillermo Rangel helped to save Crystal L., Savannah C., Ciera D., and Skyler L. Pape from burning, McQueeney, Texas, January 18, 1996. Ms. Pape, 25, and her children Savannah, 1; Ciera, 3, and Skyler, 5, were in a bedroom in one end of the family's mobile home after fire erupted near the other end. Rangel, 36, maintenance man at the mobile home park, responded to the scene after seeing smoke, as did others. He made repeated entries through a broken window into the bedroom in search of Ms. Pape and the children, despite dense, black smoke which precluded visibility. Finding Ms. Pape and the children, all of whom were unconscious, Rangel took them to the window, where others aided in their removal. Ms. Pape and the children were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation, and they recovered. Rangel was treated at both the scene and the emergency room for smoke inhalation, and he too recovered.

70398-8069

LAWRANCE R. RANSOM

WASILLA, ALASKA

Lawrance R. Ransom helped to save Clarence P. Bartley from drowning, Glennallen, Alaska, September 10, 1995. Bartley, 67, was the pilot of a float plane that overturned while attempting to take off from Tazlina Lake. The plane's floats remained at the surface of the water, and he awaited help atop them for several hours. Among those alerted to his plight were two men who responded in a helicopter. As they attempted a rescue, the helicopter crashed

into the water and sank, but the men pulled themselves onto the floats of Bartley's plane. Ransom, 41, hatchery manager, was the passenger of a float plane that, having responded also, was circling the scene; he and the pilot saw the helicopter crash. Despite a strong, steady wind of 30 m.p.h. and rough seas to four feet, conditions that otherwise would have precluded an attempt to land, the pilot took his plane to a hard but safe landing on the lake. He taxied his plane to the three men in the water and held it into the wind while Ransom disembarked to one of its floats to help secure Bartley. With difficulty, Ransom and the two other men maneuvered Bartley, who was incapacitated, into the plane. When all of the men were aboard, the pilot taxied to shore two miles away, not willing to attempt takeoff from the lake under prevailing conditions. A military helicopter arrived shortly and evacuated Bartley and one of the other men. Bartley was hospitalized for treatment of hypothermia and other injury, and he recovered. Although one of his plane's floats had been damaged in the rescue, the pilot took off from a cove that offered some protection and returned, with Ransom and the other man, to safety.

71420-8133

ROBERT D. REINHART, JR.

EAST PETERSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Robert D. Reinhart, Jr., rescued Ruth E. Quinones from assault, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1996. Ms. Quinones, 26, was in the first-floor lobby of a building when a man entered the building and began to stab her. Reinhart, 40, responded to the scene after hearing a commotion there. Although warned that the assailant was armed with a knife, he approached and pulled the assailant off Ms. Quinones, who then fled outside to the parking lot. Reinhart and the assailant struggled, until the assailant broke free, ran after Ms. Quinones, and resumed his attack on her, first stabbing a woman who was attempting to help her. Reinhart followed the assailant from the building and pushed him away from Ms. Quinones, taking him to the pavement. Other men arrived and helped disarm and subdue the assailant until police responded shortly and arrested him. Ms. Quinones was hospitalized a week for treatment of numerous stab wounds. Reinhart received abrasions during the struggle, but he recovered.

70899-8096

JOSE S. RIOS, DECEASED
ROYSE CITY, TEXAS

Jose S. Rios saved Ramon Carreon and died attempting to save Aron G. Carreon from burning, Royse City, Texas, February 20, 1996. Brothers Ramon, 7, and Aron, 11, were inside the one-story house where they lived after fire broke out in a bedroom. A neighbor, Jose, 17, student, was alerted to the fire. He responded to the scene and broke out a window of the bedroom adjacent to the burning one. Jose entered the burning house through the window, then handed Ramon outside to others. Arriving firefighters found Jose and Aron inside the house, near the window; both died of smoke inhalation.

70450-8134

LUIS RODRIGUEZ
FORT ERIE, ONTARIO

Luis Rodriguez saved Richard Urbanski from drowning, Fort Erie, Ontario, October 23, 1996. While fishing the Niagara River from his boat anchored about 300 feet from the bank, Urbanski, 67, fell into the 58-degree water. He was unable to pull himself back into the boat. Passersby, including Rodriguez, 22, student, gathered on the bank. After removing his outer attire, Rodriguez waded and swam to Urbanski, the cold water causing him to tire. While Urbanski clung to the boat, Rodriguez grasped it with one hand and stroked with the other to tow Urbanski and the boat to the bank. Both Urbanski and Rodriguez recovered from exposure to cold water.

71210-8117

DWIGHT STAN SADEK
SLOCAN PARK, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dwight Stan Sadek rescued Narinder S. Mondair from an attacking cougar, Creston, British Columbia, May 25, 1995. Mondair, 33, was inspecting a railroad track in a remote area when an adult male cougar, starving and emaciated, pounced on him, taking his right hand into its mouth. After pinning the 55-pound animal momentarily, Mondair moved with it to where his radio lay nearby and, with difficulty, called for help, the cougar maintaining its grasp of him. A half-mile away, Sadek, 39, assistant track maintenance supervisor, heard the call, and he responded to the scene. He kicked the

cougar and threw rocks at it, but the cougar did not release Mondair. Sadek then retrieved a large wrench from a nearby truck and struck the cougar repeatedly with it, eventually rendering it unconscious. Sadek and Mondair then left the scene in the truck to seek medical help. Mondair was hospitalized two weeks for treatment of his injuries, which required extensive suturing.

70948-8074

ROBERT MICHAEL SHERIDAN

LILLOOET, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Robert Michael Sheridan saved Susie Antrobus from drowning, Lillooet, British Columbia, February 19, 1995. While fishing the Seton River with a friend, Ms. Antrobus, 76, fell into the water, which was frigid. A very swift current carried her toward a dam downstream, but she grasped a log boom that spanned the river and held to it. Driving on a road along the river, Sheridan, 35, store manager, was alerted by the friend. He immediately shed his shoes and jacket, dived into the river, and swam with the current to the boom. He pulled himself atop it, then maneuvered toward Ms. Antrobus. Grasping her, Sheridan worked his way backward, atop the boom, pulling Ms. Antrobus. When they were close to the bank, he left the boom and pulled her the remaining distance to safety. Ms. Antrobus was treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and Sheridan too suffered from exposure to the cold water. They recovered.

71302-8147

EDWARD W. SHORTER

SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA

Edward W. Shorter attempted to save a woman from drowning, Newport News, Virginia, September 3, 1996. In a suicide attempt, a 52-year-old woman jumped from a bridge spanning the James River at a point midway across its five-mile width. She was carried downstream by the tidal current. A motorist on the bridge, Shorter, 45, maintenance planner, saw her jump and immediately jumped into the river after her. He swam to the woman and grasped her by her clothing, but the woman struggled against him. Shorter maintained his hold on her and, with one arm, tried to swim against the current back to the bridge. Tiring, he stopped stroking, and the current took them downstream. Of the others who had stopped on the bridge, someone threw a

life ring into the river. Shorter released his hold on the woman to retrieve the ring but was soon nearly exhausted. He called to those on the bridge for help. Meanwhile, three men fishing from a small boat nearby had been alerted and had responded to the woman. They pulled her aboard then discovered Shorter in the water and retrieved him. En route to shore, the fishermen were met by a rescue boat, which took Shorter and the woman the remaining distance. Though uninjured, the woman was hospitalized. Shorter was very tired but he recovered. 71090-8119

TERRY W. SILVA, DECEASED
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Terry W. Silva died after rescuing Andres Gonzalez from assault, Buttonwillow, California, May 18, 1996. At night, Gonzalez, 28, screamed for help as he was being attacked in a motel room by a man armed with a knife. Another motel guest, Silva, 43, route salesman, whose room was on another floor in an adjoining wing, was walking nearby. The assailant ceased his attack on Gonzalez when he responded to the door to find Silva there. As the assailant immediately set upon Silva, stabbing and beating him, Gonzalez fled to safety. The assailant returned to the room for a gun; he shot at Silva repeatedly then fled but was apprehended shortly. Gonzalez was hospitalized for treatment of numerous stab wounds. Silva died at the scene. 70777-8100

TAMMY J. STONE
CLAUDE, TEXAS

Tammy J. Stone helped to save Marvin W. Curtis from being struck by a train, Amarillo, Texas, January 16, 1996. Curtis, 34, was the sole occupant of a pickup truck that left the road after a highway accident and stopped on a railroad track. A train was approaching on the track; its engineer applied the train's emergency brakes when he saw the truck. Another motorist, Ms. Stone, 35, hazardous waste coordinator, saw the accident, then became aware of the approaching train. She parked and ran to the passenger side of the pickup but found the door on that side locked. The train bearing down, Ms. Stone ran to the driver's side of the truck, where a man was attempting to pull Curtis through the opened door. With some difficulty, Ms. Stone and that man grasped Curtis and pulled him from the truck, then away from the

track. Seconds later, the train struck the driver's side of the truck and pushed it along the track before stopping several hundred feet from the point of impact. 70385-8075

DAVID B. STOVER

BELFAST, MAINE

David B. Stover helped to rescue Heather S. Peebles from burning, Waldo, Maine, September 21, 1996. Ms. Peebles, 18, was trapped by wreckage in the driver's seat of a car after a highway accident in which the car left the highway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Stover, 49, retired business owner, was alerted to the situation at his nearby home and responded to the scene, taking a fire extinguisher. Upon his arrival, he found Ms. Peebles had been partially removed from the car by his son, who had discovered the accident; her foot remained caught in the burning interior of the car. Stover emptied the extinguisher into the car to put out some of the flames momentarily, then reached inside and freed Ms. Peebles's foot. Stover and his son carried Ms. Peebles away from the car, which was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Peebles was hospitalized one month for treatment of second- and third-degree burns and other serious injuries. 71278-8103

NATHAN DANIEL STOVER

BELFAST, MAINE

Nathan Daniel Stover helped to rescue Heather S. Peebles from burning, Waldo, Maine, September 21, 1996. Ms. Peebles, 18, was trapped by wreckage in the driver's seat of a car after a highway accident in which the car left the highway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Stover, 22, mechanic, came upon the scene and discovered the car was occupied. He went to the driver's door but was unable to open it, then, after enlarging the opening at the window of that door, reached his upper body into the car and grasped Ms. Peebles. Flames had spread into the car and were on its dashboard and ceiling, parts of which were dripping onto Ms. Peebles. Stover patted out flames on Ms. Peebles's leg, then grasped her by her belt and pulled her partially out of the car, her foot remaining caught. Stover's father arrived after having been alerted at his home nearby. He emptied a fire extinguisher into the car to put out some of the flames momentarily, then reached inside and freed Ms. Peebles's foot. Stover

and his father carried Ms. Peebles away from the car, which was shortly engulfed by flame. Ms. Peebles was hospitalized one month for treatment of second- and third-degree burns and other serious injuries. Stover was treated at the hospital for burns to his arms and face and a laceration; he recovered.

71097-8102

JEFFREY E. TERRIAN, DECEASED
SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Jeffrey E. Terrian died after helping to save a girl from drowning, Carlsbad, California, August 31, 1996. A 12-year-old girl playing in the Pacific Ocean became separated from her boogie board and was pulled out by the current into water beyond her depth. She struggled to tread water. Terrian, 41, salesman, in waist-deep water not far from the girl, went to her and grasped her by the arm. They were joined shortly by the girl's father, who responded from the beach. Terrian passed the girl to her father, who returned her, with difficulty, to shore. Terrian shortly disappeared from view, then was found, unconscious, minutes later by others, who returned him to shore. He had drowned.

71102-8128

PETER J. TONELLI
NORFOLK, MASSACHUSETTS

Peter J. Tonelli saved David B. Reynolds, Jr., from drowning, Sandwich, Massachusetts, June 7, 1996. Reynolds, 51, was swept into Cape Cod Bay while fishing at the mouth of Old Harbor Creek. He removed his waders, which had filled with water, but they tangled in fishing line and weighed him down as he attempted to return to shore. Fishing about a half-mile away, Tonelli, 32, salesman, was alerted. He ran to the scene and, wearing waders himself, entered the bay, where the water temperature was 56 degrees. Tonelli waded and swam to Reynolds, then grasped him and towed him to shore. Reynolds was treated at the hospital for hypothermia, and he recovered.

71139-8131

MELANIE VANDERBEKEN, DECEASED
WHITE ROCK, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Melanie Vanderbeken died helping to save Cedric J. L. Vanderbeken from drowning, Whistler, British Columbia, August 10, 1996. Cedric, 11, and his sister, Melanie, 14, student, were on an outing at Green Lake near the mouth of Fitzsimmons Creek. Cedric waded into the lake and was carried into deeper water by the creek's strong current. Calling for help, he struggled to stay afloat in the frigid water of the glacier-fed lake. Melanie, who was nearby, immediately went to Cedric and, grasping him, supported him. They were carried farther from the bank. Members of another party that was nearby responded to the scene; they entered the water and rescued Cedric but could not find Melanie. Police divers arrived shortly and searched for Melanie, whose body was located three days later. She had drowned. 71037-8108

REUBEN M. VIZCARRA
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

Reuben M. Vizcarra rescued a woman from assault, Arcadia, California, June 19, 1997. A 52-year-old woman was being viciously attacked in her apartment by a man armed with a knife. Her screams for help attracted the attention of Vizcarra, 49, computer marker and grader, who was visiting in an apartment nearby. Vizcarra responded to the scene, where he gained entry to the woman's apartment. Wielding the knife, the assailant approached Vizcarra. Vizcarra exited the apartment, then re-entered after being handed a lightweight flagpole. Vizcarra struck the assailant's hand with the pole, knocking the knife to the floor. He then wrestled the assailant to the floor and held him until police arrived within minutes. The woman required hospital treatment for numerous knife wounds and other injuries. 71829-8138

RICHARD H. WADE
RANSOMVILLE, NEW YORK

Richard H. Wade saved a child from burning, Lockport, New York, December 13, 1996. Several tenants, including a young child, were in a three-story apartment building when fire broke out in a first-floor unit and quickly sent dense smoke into the rest of the building. Wade, 45, meter reader, was work-

ing across the street when he became aware of the fire. Responding to the scene, he learned that the child was on the second floor of the burning building. Wade immediately entered the building and, in dense smoke that precluded visibility, climbed the stairs to the second floor. He shouted to the child, who answered him, then found the child in the hall, not far from the stairs. Grasping the child to his chest, Wade returned to the front door and exited the building to safety. Wade was given oxygen at the scene, then was hospitalized overnight for treatment of smoke inhalation. He recovered.

71380-8146

ROBERT R. WAGNER
ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN

Robert R. Wagner rescued Rebecca Lukatch-Jones from assault, Detroit, Michigan, October 22, 1994. In the third-floor vestibule of a hospital parking garage, Ms. Lukatch-Jones, 41, was confronted by a man who then struck her repeatedly with a brick. A hospital employee, Wagner, 41, mental health technician, was climbing the stairs to the floor when he heard Ms. Lukatch-Jones scream. Wagner entered the vestibule and saw the assault. He immediately ran to the assailant and, grasping him from behind, applied a choke hold, freeing Ms. Lukatch-Jones. She fled. Wagner struggled with the assailant, who struck Wagner on the head with the brick. The assailant then slipped out of his jacket and ran away. Wagner encountered Ms. Lukatch-Jones and took her to the emergency room; she required hospitalization for treatment of wounds to her head. Wagner also was treated at the emergency room for head injuries, from which he recovered.

70539-8078

TIARE MARIE WELLS
KILAUEA, HAWAII

Tiare Marie Wells saved Monte Bassett from drowning, Cody, Wyoming, March 12, 1996. Bassett, 77, entered open water on Buffalo Bill Reservoir while attempting to save two ice fishermen who had broken through the ice at a point about 150 feet from the bank in water about 25 feet deep. Sight-seeing at the reservoir, Ms. Wells, 18, college student, secured a horse halter to which a rope was attached and went out onto the ice toward the men, who were struggling in the 38-degree water. She threw one end of that line to the

men, and Bassett grasped it. After several attempts and with difficulty, Ms. Wells pulled Bassett onto solid ice. The two other men submerged and drowned, their bodies recovered later that day. 70622-8111

MARION J. WHEELER, JR.
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA

Marion J. Wheeler, Jr., rescued Gale M. Ingram from assault, Jacksonville, Alabama, March 24, 1996. Ms. Ingram, 40, returned home to find a man armed with a loaded assault rifle and revolver inside her house. Screaming, she ran out of the house, the man following. He fired at her but missed. Seated in his car in a church parking lot across the street from Ms. Ingram's house, Wheeler, 44, administrative support manager, heard screaming and the gunshot, then saw Ms. Ingram run to the street and fall. Wheeler went to her, picked her up, and, the assailant approaching and firing the rifle twice at her, carried her into the parking lot, where he placed her between two cars. The assailant continued his approach. Hoping to distract him from Ms. Ingram, Wheeler left cover, went to him, and attempted to reason with him. The assailant walked to the church, Wheeler dogging him. They entered the vestibule, and when the assailant turned, Wheeler lunged at him. As they struggled, others joined in to disarm and subdue the assailant. Police arrived shortly and arrested him. Ms. Ingram was not injured. 71184-8105

DANIEL L. WILLIAMS
BELLAIRE, OHIO

Daniel L. Williams rescued John M. Thatcher from burning, Bellaire, Ohio, November 28, 1996. At night, Thatcher, 45, was overcome by smoke in a bedroom of his one-story house after fire broke out in the living room and spread. A neighbor, Williams, 44, coal miner, saw the fire and responded to the scene. Learning that Thatcher was still inside the burning house, Williams approached a back door, kicked it in, and, holding his breath, entered, crawling. Having to retreat for air, Williams saw Thatcher on the floor. Re-entering the house, Williams crawled to Thatcher. He grasped him by the wrists, then stood and dragged Thatcher out of the house, which was shortly engulfed by flames. Thatcher required lengthy hospitalization for treatment of smoke inhalation and burns. 71329-8145

SHANNON L. WILLIAMS
WAUSEON, OHIO

Shannon L. Williams rescued Christopher and Lauren Malhoit from burning, Wauseon, Ohio, May 3, 1996. Malhoit, 42, was the pilot of a single-engine airplane in which his daughter Lauren, 14, was the passenger. While attempting to land at an airport, the plane crashed nose first and came to rest upside down just off the runway. Its engine caught fire, and flames began to spread. Approaching in another aircraft, Williams, 28, airport manager, saw the crash and, after landing, ran to the scene. As Lauren was trapped by wreckage, Williams lifted on the plane to free her; he then grasped her by the arm, pulled her through the opened door, and dragged her away. With flames by then spreading to the top of the wreckage, Williams returned for Malhoit. He broke out a side window and extended his upper body through the window opening, then freed Malhoit and removed him from the plane. As Williams dragged Malhoit away, an explosion in the plane engulfed it with flames. Malhoit and his daughter required hospitalization for treatment of burns and other injuries. Williams sustained smoke inhalation and cuts to his hands; he recovered.

70662-8114

1997 AWARD STATISTICS

MEDALS

In 1997, eighty-eight Carnegie Medals were awarded, bringing the total to 8,151 since the Fund was established in 1904. To date, the Commission has considered 72,319 rescue acts.

Especially do we remember those who gave their lives saving or attempting to save others. During 1997, seventeen such sacrifices were honored, bringing the total to date to 1,656:

Randy H. Adderton
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 Randy Joe Boswell
 Edward P. Coppedge
 Robert F. Dalton
 Michael Douty
 Joseph R. Dowdy
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 Jose S. Rios
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 Jeffrey E. Terrian
 Melanie Vanderbeken

MONETARY GRANTS

	1997	To date
For continuing support of widows, widowers, and other dependents, and disabled heroes	\$ 217,180	\$ 13,151,776
Monetary awards, including educational assistance, and medals	<u>338,898</u>	<u>9,509,045</u>
	\$ 556,078	\$ 22,660,821

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

(Shown with year of election)

E. Bayley Buchanan	1975	Arthur M. Scully, Jr.	1964
A.H. Burchfield III	1987	William P. Snyder III	1951
Benjamin R. Fisher, Jr.	1992	George H. Taber	1979
Thomas J. Hilliard, Jr.	1979	Walter F. Toerge	1970
David McL. Hillman	1996	Sybil P. Veeder	1992
Mark J. Laskow	1992	James M. Walton	1968
Priscilla J. McCrady	1989	Thomas L. Wentling, Jr.	1991
Ann M. McGuinn	1992	Alfred W. Wishart, Jr.	1976
John H. Miller	1994		
Robert W. Off	1973		
John C. Oliver III	1985	T. Herbert Hamilton ¹	1976
Frank Brooks Robinson	1966	David B. Oliver II	1957
J. Evans Rose, Jr.	1979		

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